

Waterworks Board Report

February 2005

- **Incentive Award Recommendation** The incentive evaluation proceeded very well this year. The quality of the reporting is the most improved year to year thus far. A summary chart is attached showing 92.25% of the possible incentive amount was awarded to Veolia Water Indianapolis, LLC.
- **SAB** The Service Advisory Board met. The agenda included discussions concerning the Williams Creek Dam effort; the reservoir release report; the water tank painting policy discussions; and other items raised by some of the members. A request was presented for IW to present a budget cycle explanation to the SAB that would address events necessary for a bond to be issued. This presentation is expected to be ready for the March meeting.
- **TAG** The Technical Advisory Group met in January. VWI presented an operations summary including a description of the events surrounding the Boil Water Advisory. A presentation was made that described interesting features observed during a trip to Paris and Berlin. There were some water quality challenges to Lake Tegel (Berlin) that were somewhat similar in degree of challenge as IW faces with Eagle Creek. It was noted that there were significant differences in individual challenges as well. Dr Tedesco noted that some of the differences were counter-intuitive. Toward the end of February, a visit is planned to Indianapolis by two gentlemen to discuss water quality items with the TAG. They are Dr. Francis Luck and Emmanuel Soyeux. Dr. Luck, Director of Veolia research center in Berlin, Germany (Kompetenz Zentrum Wasser Berlin) will be speaking on "German Experience on Reservoir Water Quality Restoration". Emmanuel Soyeux, Researcher for Veolia Water in France, will also speak on "Erdre River Case Study". There may be an opportunity to seek some support from a forthcoming USEPA project regarding watershed work. The February TAG meeting report is planned to be included the March report to the IW Board.
- **CAG** No meeting scheduled in January. The Citizen's Advisory Group met in February with several new members present. The group was briefed by VWI regarding the Boil Water Advisory, the Canal project, Water Quality Report, 2004 Customer Satisfaction Results and the Water Treatment Box Program.
- **IURC** No scheduled IW activity. VWI had at least one meeting with the IURC. A staff member from the IURC reviewed the Emergency Plan at the IW offices. He questioned how the IURC would fit into the notification plan. He questioned why there was no definition for a 'Boil Water Advisory' in the plan. He asked about and was briefed concerning some of the 'lessons learned'. After some further discussion, he seemed satisfied that his points had been addressed or probably would be when the plan was revised. He was curious when the plan would be revised having the benefit of these lessons. (No scheduled distribution date has been provided by VWI.)

- **IUPPS** The Indiana Underground Plant Protection Services (IUPPS) Board met. Significant developments included actions that should reduce costs to the membership and to reduce / eliminate certain legislative proposals affecting operations of IUPPS. Cost reductions are in the form of a 'no charge' policy for cancelled and for unmapped tickets. The 'no charge' cancelled tickets is retroactive to January 1 of 2005. The effective date for unmapped tickets is April 1, 2005. This later date is necessary since certain software modifications must be made to the system logic. Moreover, early indications are that revenues may be somewhat higher than forecast. The Board acted to require that after six months of revenue history existed, the finance committee would review actual vs forecast. If revenues continue, a subsequent credit may ensue. It is likely that the credit would be cost shared based upon the number of tickets received by each member during the six month periods. All of this is subject to board review and subsequent action, if any. Mr. Curry was named to chair the membership development committee. He also serves as a member of the legislative committee. Aside from working to eliminate HB 1292 which provides for Conservancy Districts to be advanced through legislation, there appears to be no other active IUPPS legislative initiatives of interest to IW. Actions taken by the IUPPS board should relieve the need for a legislative act to satisfy the wants of groups such as Conservancy Districts.
- **Five Year Capital Plan Proposal** No formal planning meetings have been held with VWI since December. If a capital bond is to be approved and sold by this October's time frame, work on the engineering portion of the probable bond projects may need to commence before delivery of the Capital Plan scheduled for delivery on May 31 of this year.
- **Carmel** The declaratory judgment action filed in Marion County has been stayed pending Carmel's appeal of the denial of its motion to change venue. The Indiana Court of Appeals is considering the appeal of the venue ruling. The City of Carmel filed a petition with the IURC requesting that the IURC value the Indianapolis Water assets in Clay Township and set the definitive terms of the purchase and sale, including a purchase price. The Department filed a motion to dismiss the petition and a motion to stay the IURC proceeding until the issues raised in the Department's Marion County lawsuit were resolved. The IURC denied the Department's motion to dismiss and motion to stay.

- **Westfield.** The Director of Public Works for the Town of Westfield has requested IW to consider a change in service territory, ending their Contribution In Aid of Capital obligation, ending their obligation to purchase water from IW (including IW's responsibility to provide a second delivery point), and correct two errors in the existing documentation. All of these subjects were addressed in a meeting held in Westfield. Most of these points may be resolved to be benefit of all parties. A developer wishes to connect to the transmission main from the Terry Tank to Road 421. The development is in the Westfield service area. An agreement with Westfield is required to accomplish this connection. IW staff sees no real problem to honor this request by Westfield.
- **Plainfield** Legal activity related to the sale of Liberty Water continues.
- **Lawrence** The City of Lawrence requested IW to search archives and produce any documents related to the due diligence conducted by IWC when it purchased the Lawrence Water Utility.
- **Darlington** Legal activity continues. An appraisal is needed. Staff is taking steps to have a proper appraisal completed. One City County Council member has indicated a willingness to consider sponsoring the appropriate ordinance when its time comes. Since this sale process is taking longer than expected, some capital expenditure for safety items are being made. The estimated amount is \$37,500 from IW and \$3,500 from VWI for immediate needs.
- **Water Tank Painting** IW has received requests for town names to be painted on two water tanks.
- **Area Rate Program** Billing issues for current participants are being resolved. Another area involving as many as 85 homes has been identified as a possible candidate for the area rate program. Initial steps to further define, estimate costs and determine the level of interest of the residents is underway.
- **Shelby County** Work continues on the main extension to Triton Schools. The main installation is proceeding very close to plan. IW staff continues to assist the Visioning Group as they have moved to their next planned step of engaging a consulting firm to bring a county wide, managed growth plan to draft stage.
- **Relay Towers** A request to construct a relay tower on the Tom Moses Water Treatment Plant site has been received. This tower is for a cellular telephone company. Current thoughts are that a fifty by fifty foot plot is required. Additional site information has been requested from the requestor. Two other requests have been received for locating communications assets on water towers. These requests are being reviewed.

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